



OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS

.....

VOLUME 24

ISSUE 11

NOV. 1998

EDITOR: Ross Kingdon, 69 Dorchester Dr., Bramalea, Ontario, Canada, L6T 3E5.

~~~~~

### CHRISTMAS WOODS:

Hallowe'en is now past and Christmas will be here before you know it. Thanks to CAWMC member **Jerry Remick**, all the information needed to order your Christmas woods was provided in last month's 'Timber Talk'. Many thanks to Jerry for collating all of this information for our members. I would strongly advise you to request the brochure and get your order in now, to your chosen manufacturer of woods, so that they have plenty of lead time to prepare your woods. A full page sampling of holiday designs from 'Communicate It Ink', is shown on page four of this newsletter.

Christmas woods are quite popular with many of our wooden money collectors resulting in many of our members having yearly issues made. As your editor, I would again like to show all this year's Christmas woods issued by our membership, along with the information needed for obtaining them. Please, therefore, *send your issues along to me* and they will be shown and advertised in a future 'Timber Talk'.

---

### BIRD SERIES:

Please note the "Birds Of My Garden" article, by **Lou Vesh**, on page three. These are the eleventh and twelfth birds in this series. Some of these woods were sold at the recent Canadian Numismatic Association convention in Edmonton. They are still available for \$3.00 per set, from Lou at P.O. Box 144 West Guilford, Ont., Can. K0M 2S0. . As you know, Lou donates all proceeds from the sale of these woods to CAWMC. Many, many hundreds of dollars have gone into our CAWMC account, in the past six years, as a result of Lou's efforts. *Thank you, Lou.*

---

### RECOVERING WELL:

I recently saw CAWMC member and wife of our president, **Yvonne Vesh** at a local coin show. She looks great and is recovering well from her operation. I also spoke at length, on the phone, to our secretary-treasurer, **Al Munro**. He too is recovering well and is, in fact, back at work. Both Yvonne and Al wish to sincerely thank all those who contacted them and/or sent 'get well' wishes to them during the last number of weeks. Both of them indicated they were overwhelmed by the number of people who sent their best wishes.



**MORE 'E-MAIL' ADDRESSES:**

Listed here are more e-mail addresses of CAWMC members. If other members have an e-mail address and would like to send it to me, I'll publish it in a future newsletter. Send it to me at rossk@stn.net .

John Maclean - CORRECTION - John's e-mail address was printed incorrectly in the Oct. '98 bulletin and was also incorrectly printed on John's woods issued in May 1998 at the annual Atlantic Provinces Wooden Money Association spring show. It should be:

skyview@ns.sympatico.ca

Ian Hunter - hunteri@cadvision.com

Paul Johnson - pjohnson@connection.com

Earl Salterio - ejsalter@calcna.ab.ca

Pat White - white@mb.sympatico.ca

**HOLD YOUR FREE WOODS!** If I don't already 'hold' your free woods each month to avoid the monthly breakage, I'll gladly do so. *Just let me know.* They would instead all be mailed to you, in a cardboard enclosure, *once a year*, usually with the Dec. newsletter.

**CAWMC OFFICERS**

President: LOU VESH  
 Vice President: ALBERT KASMAN  
 Secretary-Treasurer and Membership Chairman: AL MUNRO  
 Past President and Chairman of the Board of Governors: PAT WHITE  
 Elected Members of the Board of Governors:  
 NORM BELSTEN, BOB BROWN,  
 RUSSELL BROWN, WAYNE GILLCASH,  
 DAVE GILLESPIE, DON ROBB.

**APPOINTED OFFICERS**

Editor: ROSS KINGDON  
 Fund Raiser: GARRY BRAUNWARTH  
 Auction Coordinator: AL MUNRO

**DUES:** Membership dues in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors is:

Canadian Residents- \$10.00 Canadian funds

United States Residents- \$10.00 U.S. funds

International Members Rate (outside Can. & U.S.)-  
 \$20.00 Canadian funds

Youth (16 years of age and under)- \$5.00

Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro Box 2643 Stn. 'M'  
 Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 3C1

**FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH**

The free wood for this month was donated to the membership by the Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC. The wood was made for the fall Torex show in 1982 and was good for any \$1.00 purchase at that show. This wood is purple in colour on both sides and is listed in the Norm Belsten catalogue listing under Toronto, Ontario as 5900 - 140A.

**NOTE:** The free woods for members whose woods I've 'held' each month in 1998, will be mailed out in a cardboard enclosure with next month's Dec. newsletter.



## BIRDS OF MY GARDEN..... *by Lou Vash*

The birds selected for 1998 are the Pine Grosbeak and the Eastern Kingbird. These two choices of feathered friends are fairly common in this area.

Due to unforeseen circumstances I was unable to complete the entire issue prior to C.N.A. time. I did, however, manage to get 30 sets done in time to be sold in Edmonton. The remaining sets will be done as time permits. The two are shown below, the reverses being the same as previous years. There are definitely enough birds species around here to feed my project for a few more years. Time and health will determine the future.

The Pine Grosbeak is not seen here during the summer but usually passes this way en route to some other destination in the late fall. If the pickin's look good they might stay. It is only by chance if we are lucky enough to lure a few to spend the winter around our yard. A couple of years ago about 15-20 of them decided to spend the winter here and I went out of my way to accommodate them.

The Pine Grosbeak prefers to feed on the ground as opposed to alighting on a feeder. Learning this preference early in the season, I packed down the snow in a given area and spread sunflower seeds there. Before long, they became so tame I was feeding them like chickens in a barnyard! These birds do not seem to be very vocal, emitting only a soft chirp. When having a disagreement among themselves, however, they "hiss" in a most unbecoming manner.

The Eastern Kingbird is a summer staple in our garden and I cannot remember a summer without its presence. A member of the flycatcher family, its feeding habits provide an interesting display of aerial feats. A fierce guardian of its nest, it will swoop down like a dive bomber on any who threaten its home.

While on the subject of birds, I'd like to share a little thought with you that appeared in our local newspaper some years ago: "The stork is too often held responsible for circumstances that might better be attributed to a lark."

(File: Birds006)



\* \* \* \* \*





H-1



H-2



H-3



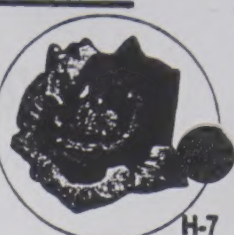
H-4



H-5



H-6



H-7



H-8



H-9



H-10



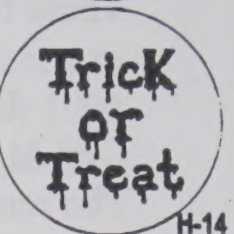
H-11



H-12



H-13



H-14



H-15



H-16



H-17



H-18



H-19



H-20



H-21



H-22



H-23



H-24



H-25



H-26



H-27



H-28



H-29



H-30



H-31



H-32



H-33



H-34



H-35



H-36



H-37



H-38



H-39



H-40



H-41



H-42



H-43



H-44



H-45



H-46



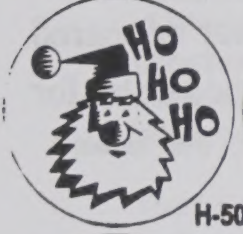
H-47



H-48



H-49



H-50



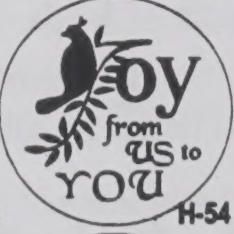
H-51



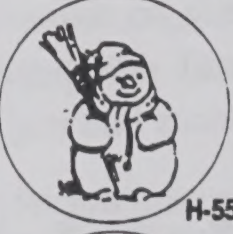
H-52



H-53



H-54



H-55



H-56



H-57



H-58



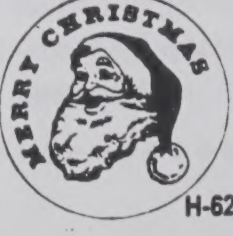
H-59



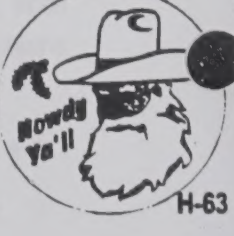
H-60



H-61



H-62



H-63



## WOODEN NICKEL HISTORICAL MUSEUM:

Jerry Remick has forwarded to me this very interesting article from the September 28th, 1998 issue of 'COIN WORLD' (page three). The official opening was held on October 17th, 1998 in San Antonio, Texas. This would be well worth visiting should you ever be in that area.

# Wooden nickel museum to open

Special 'buffalo nickel' USPS cancellation to be available on post cards

The grand opening of the new Wooden Nickel Historical Museum in San Antonio, Texas, is set for noon on Sat. Oct. 17.

The U.S. Postal Service will have a special cancellation for the event that can also be used on a limited edition wooden post card.

The museum is located in the same building as the Old Time Wooden Nickel Co., owned by Herb Hornungh, the oldest wooden nickel company still in operation.

During the grand opening, visitors will also be able to make their own wooden nickels using a hand press and there will be tours of the museum to see special exhibits. Early wooden nickels from the collection of Bill Feist will be on display and a special exhibit will be on loan from Norm Boughton. There are also examples of woods made in the late 1930s through the mid-1970s by the John Rogers Co. of Fostoria, Ohio.

By special arrangement, M. Wayne Dennis will be on hand during the grand opening to autograph copies of his book, *The Guidebook of Wooden Money*.

The museum has a site on the Internet <http://www.wooden-nickel.net/> with examples of wooden nickel designs used for more than 40 years as well as information about the museum's grand opening.

The museum will have old printing plates and equipment used to print wooden nickels in days gone by as well as some of the 1.5 billion wooden nickels that were stored in the building by the owner of a now defunct wooden nickel business.



**LIMITED EDITION** wooden post cards that commemorate the opening of the first wooden nickel museum will feature a special "Buffalo Nickel" cancellation stamp.

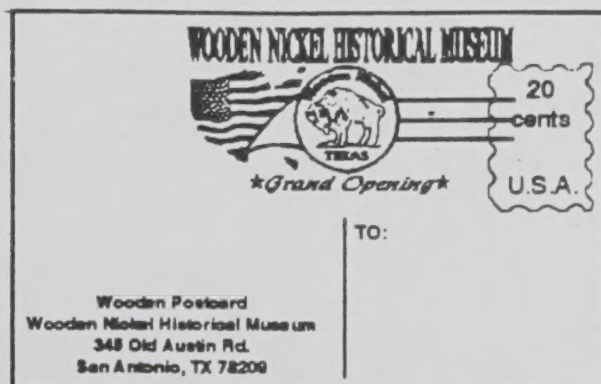
Hornungh said these represent overruns and samples from orders in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s but some go back to the 1950s as well.

He said the museum will also display some original woods from Tenino, Wash., considered the birthplace of wooden money. During the Great Depression the Tenino Chamber of Commerce agreed to issue scrip to meet a currency shortage and the rest is history.

The museum is also looking for information and samples of woods issued by coin clubs through the years, Hornungh said.

Collectors can purchase the wooden post cards for \$3 each postpaid plus a long No. 10 self-addressed, stamped envelope. Orders should be sent to Wooden Nickel Historical Museum, 345 Old Austin Road, San Antonio, TX 78209.

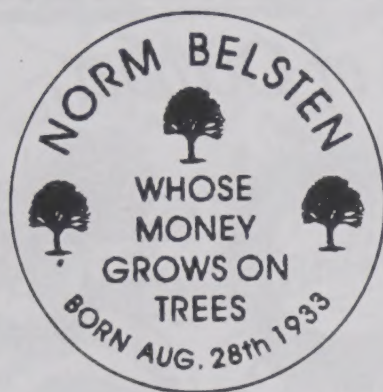
For more information about the grand opening or if collectors have coin club woods they want to donate, call Hornungh at the museum at (210) 829-1291 or fax (210) 832-8965. **CW**





## NEW WOODS:

This past summer, your editor had the opportunity to attend a 'Wood Show' in the local Southern Ontario community of Durham. For those of you who collect Ontario woods, you will know that this community wood show has issued wooden nickels for some of their past shows; the last of which I believe was 1990. At this year's show, they had the stamping machine and people were invited to make their own souvenir wood. Many people were lined up to do so and, of course, I was one of them. The wood is shown here. It is a very light wood and the inscription did not reproduce very well when photocopied. The reverse reads 'ANNIVERSARY . DURHAM . ONTARIO . CANADA.', which surrounds the picture of an acorn. The obverse reads 'THE WOOD SHOW'. Since this was a 'make your own', I doubt that there are any available for sale. It is interesting to note that this wood is different to past 'Durham' issues, but does not have a 1998 date on it. It will be interesting to see if there is a wood produced next year.



Norm Belsten recently made the wood shown here to recognize his *sixty-fifth* birthday. The wood is shown in actual size and has blue writing with a red circle on both sides. Norm has extras and they can be obtained for a self-addressed stamped envelope from him at 37 Neames Cres. Downsview, Ont., Can. M3L 1K8. ( I think

we had better check out the trees that Norm grows in his back yard!)

Another CAWMC member, **Ron Zelk**, had this wood made to recognize the wedding of his friends Norine McGregor and John Webster on July 25th, 1998. The wood is one and one half inches in diameter and is blue on both sides. Ron informs me that virtually all of the woods were given out at the wedding and that no more are available. I suppose if you were to ask him really, really nicely he might give you his own. Ron's address is Box 77575-592 Sheppard Ave. W., Downsview, Ont., Can. M3H 6A7.

